

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

Changes Affecting External Filers Effective 10-17-06

In accordance with the requirements of BAPCPA and the Judicial Conference's Committee on the Administration of Bankruptcy System, CM/ECF Version 3.1 will be installed in the LIVE database on October 17, 2006. Version 3.1 is primarily designed to transmit additional data about bankruptcy and adversary cases to the Administrative Office's Statistics Division, and thereafter to Congress. To accomplish this, a new screen - Summary of Schedules - is included in three events: Amended Schedule and Statements, Missing Documents Filed and Chapter 7/11/13 Statement of Current Monthly Income/Mean Test. The Summary of Schedule screen MUST be completed!

Summary of Changes:

1) Cases will be selected randomly for audit by the US Trustee. There is a training opportunity for New Debtor Audit Procedures sponsored by US Bankruptcy Court-Attorney Advisory Committee and facilitated by Leonard DePasquale, US Trustee, scheduled for October 26, 2006, 2:30-3:30 in the US Bankruptcy Court 6th floor courtroom.

2) Additional information will be required during the adversary and bankruptcy case opening process. Click the following link for detailed screen shots of these changes.

<http://www.rib.uscourts.gov/cmecf/docs/AttyCaseOpening.pdf>

The step by step instructions for Bankruptcy and Adversary Proceeding Case Opening have been updated accordingly and posted to the ECF User Manual page at

<http://www.rib.uscourts.gov/cmecf/cmecf2/ECFTrainingMan&Res/trainmanual.htm>

3) Missing Document(s) Filed event will include a new screen: Summary of Schedules. Do not use this event to file the following missing documents: Means Test, Certificate of Credit Counseling, Payment Advices or Exhibit D (new event). Click the following link for detailed instructions:

http://www.rib.uscourts.gov/cmecf/docs/manuals/Missing_Documents_Filed_10_1_06.pdf

4) Amended Schedules and Statements event must be used for any amended schedules, including those schedules requiring a fee. It replaces both the Amended Schedules and Amendment to Schedules D,E or F (fee) events. The Amended Schedules and Statements event includes a new screen: Summary of Schedules. Please note that when completing the Summary of Schedules screen, the amounts entered will OVERWRITE the previous amounts. Therefore, the amounts must reflect the TOTAL amount for each schedule, not the additional amount listed

in the amendment. Click the following link for detailed instructions. If you are amending the Means Test, please use the Means Test event and complete Summary of Schedules form located within that event . Click the following link for detailed instructions:

<http://www.rib.uscourts.gov/cmecf/docs/manuals/AmdSchdsInstr%2010.17.06.pdf>

5) To maintain the accuracy of the required statistical data, new events have been created that capture the data (see attached list). Please check this list carefully before filing. These events **MUST** be used for filing certain documents. If an incorrect event is used, the Court will issue an order striking the document and you will be required to refile the document using the correct event. Click the following link for a complete list of new events:

http://www.rib.uscourts.gov/cmecf/docs/New_Events_10.10.06.pdf

Examples of some of these changes are:

- Amended Plan - to be used before confirmation
- Modified Plan - to be used after confirmation
- Separate event for Sanctions against Debtor's Attorney
- Separate event for Motion to Avoid Lien on Household Goods
- Separate event to Compel Abandonment
- Separate event for Objection to Plan

6) New Event: Exhibit D - Use the Exhibit D event if it is filed after the filing of the original petition - Do not use the Missing Documents Filed event for Exhibit D!

If you are filing a Certificate of Exigent Circumstance or Motion for Exemption from Credit Counseling with Exhibit D, please docket them separately -- do not include as an attachment to Exhibit D.

You may include a Certificate of Credit Counseling as an attachment to Exhibit D.

7) Means Test - if you are filing a Means Test as a missing or amended document, use the appropriate Chapter 7/11/13 Means Test event. The Summary of Schedule screen will appear in the event so that you may enter the Current Monthly Income from Form B22A, B, or C.

Technical questions regarding these changes may be addressed to Jody Venuti (401.528.4477 x. 45). Questions regarding procedural changes and new events may addressed to Jennifer Davis (ext. 10), Amy Geraghty (ext. 27), or other members of the Operations Staff at the Court.